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New mines are being exploited at Iknioune, (N 31° - 11° , W 5° - 40°), 46 kms. south of Boumalim. The mineral deposits here comprise copper, lead and 1. zinc. The output of these mines is not known but the native labor employed totals between 2,000 and 3,000 men.

- It is also reported that gold has been found in this district, but it is believed that press reports dealing with the gold deposits are exaggerated and that the ore is not as rich as had been suggested.
- 3。 Manganese is mined at Imini and the ore is carried by truck over the Atlas mountains to the railhead at Marrakesh. The mining company own 25 large American trucks which are used in this traffic. These are "Mac's" with 150 hopo engines, eight forward and 2 reverse speeds. They are capable of carrying a 25 ton load, but owing to the steep gradients in the Atlas, their capacity on this route is only 13-14 tons. Between 12 and 15 trucks make the daily trip from Imini to Marrakesh. It is presumed, therefore, that the monthly output of ore is approximately 5,000 tons per month.

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